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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. By the above amendment, Claims 6-9 have been amended and Claims 13-20 have been added. Claims 1-20 are now pending in this application.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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